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First Congressional Youth Cabinet

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Meeting Minutes

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion/Action</i>
Introduction of newest CYC Members	<p>A welcome and overview of the CYC mission and activities was provided to the newest CYC members!</p> <p>Timothy O'Donnell W.Htfd, Alicia Moran, W. Htfd, Izzy Harris, Manchester, Mason Stalph, Wethersfield, Kaelie Murray-Simmons, E. Htfd, Callie Reynolds, W. Htfd, Olivia Jenkins, E. Htfd, and Mellie Chinaea ,Manchester</p>
Discussion of Sandy Hook tragedy	<p>The CYC spent more than an hour discussing the heartbreaking loss of so many innocent lives to senseless violence. First and foremost in the discussion was the question, "Why?" CYC members shared how they could not grasp the idea of why a person would even contemplate such an act, never mind acting on it. CYC members shared that they "loved" the President's speech that he gave on Friday afternoon. That he had given a speech that accurately reflected the depth of grief that most of the nation was feeling, and that they fully endorse and support Congressman Larson's statements to the press that said the "time to act, is now." Other points:</p> <p>No ordinary citizen should have the ability to shoot multiple or successive shots in one instant.</p>

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Sandy Hook discussion continued	
	<p>We must identify a way in which to restrict access to firearms from those individuals who have a history of violent behaviors or have been diagnosed with a violent personality disorder or diagnosis.</p> <p>Impose a waiting period on the purchase of firearms, no matter the point of purchase</p> <p>Impose a federal ban on assault weapons</p> <p>Impose a universal background check on those wishing to purchase firearms</p> <p>In terms of the 2nd Amendment, “well-regulated” means you can regulate</p> <p>At time the Constitution was written, it took three minutes to reload a firearm</p> <p>Careful crafting of gun control language, so that gun owners don’t try to vote Members out of office who are working to make our nation safer for children and innocent citizens</p> <p>Look at Japan’s gun control laws (lowest death rate from firearms in the world)</p> <p>Early mental health interventions need to be explored</p> <p>We need to reach out to our peers in Newtown and let them know we support them in their grief</p> <p>We need to provide information on “risky behavior” to parents/ teachers/children & youth as well as resources-processes to turn to that are reliable when someone suspects that a person can be a danger to themselves or someone else.</p> <p>We need to help students in schools feel more accepted, and place (teach) more emphasis on positive social engagement. Help more students feel a part of the environment and valued.</p>

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CYC Youth Focused Event	<p>It was agreed that now more than ever a “youth focused” event that draws attention to the issues youth of today face (including safety/violence), the value of youth engagement, and how to successfully create youth/adult partnerships is necessary.</p> <p>CYC members agreed that in order to move forward on the planning of the CYC Youth Focused event, it would be necessary to break up into workgroups to handle the different planning components. The three workgroups agreed upon are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content: Mason Stalph, Asyria Judd, Kaelie Murray-Simmons, Kiernan Majerus-Collins, Calvin Brown, Keshav Patel, Rima Parikh • Panelist (identification of panel topics/speakers, contact, etc.): Mason Stalph, Nick Grondin, Matthew Wilson • Outreach (getting the proper audience to the event. Meeting with State Dept. of Education Commissioner, relevant non-profits, etc.)Alicia Moran, Timothy O’Donnell, Callie Reynolds, Katie Klein, Alexander Pokorski, Olivia Jenkins, Rachel Forte, Sam Turco, Jen Hogan <p>Dates for the workgroups to meet will be sent out after the first of the New Year.</p> <p>*For those CYC members who were not at the December meeting, and wish to participate on a workgroup, please contact Eva to let her know which workgroup you’d like to participate in.</p>

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CYC Holiday Gathering	<p>It was agreed that since the gathering was meant to include all CYC members (i.e., Sr. CYCers who are out of state attending college), we would select a date for the gathering to occur sometime in late May. Details coming soon...☺</p> <p>Happy Holidays Everyone!!!</p>

Minutes submitted by: emb